



March/April 2017

Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

*“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice”* Phil. 4:4. Here at Victory Baptist Church we are rejoicing in all of God’s blessings. Recently, we celebrated our one-year anniversary. We praise the Lord for visitors on this special day. We had a great service with special music. After church, we had a wonderful fellowship on the grounds. It was an encouraging day for everyone!

During our first year in Atenas, we have seen God do great and mighty things. Our church is located in a very Catholic area, and we have seen times of trials. We have seen people come, get saved, and start to grow, but because of pressure from their family they “throw in the towel.” Of course, this is discouraging, but we have also seen the Lord work in ways we could never imagine. We are grateful for those who have “stuck,” and we have been able to disciple. We can definitely rejoice and say, “To God be the glory for the souls saved and the lives that are being changed.”

On Easter Sunday, Tannia received the Lord as her Savior. She is eleven years old and has been coming for a while. It was such a blessing for Shannon to open God’s Word with Tannia and share Christ with her. Please pray for Tannia and her brother Isaac as they do not have any family support at all.

Rachel has finished her first year of college. We rejoice in her desire to serve the Lord and are excited to see her faithfully working her ministries in her church in the States. Natalie just finished seventh grade. She has really stepped up in the ministry here. She sings specials in the church and faithfully works the nursery. Caleb just finished third grade and loves to go to church with his daddy. He is a great helper in different areas of the church and he especially loves to take the offering. We are truly blessed with the children God has given us.

Construction projects have never stopped since the birth of our church. The bathrooms are now done! What a blessing! Construction on our nursery is going on this week; it is about half way done right now. Our new church sure is excited to see the nursery getting close to being done. We also had an inspection last week on all electrical and structure of building and were told of some other things that still need to be done. Due to the inspection revealing a few more issues, we still need to raise funds to finish several more pressing projects. Thank you so much for those of you that have sacrificially given toward the construction and thank you to all our prayer and financial partners. May the Lord bless you greatly!

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,  
*Rick Dove, Jr. and Family*

One year anniversary



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